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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **BOX AF**

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 14, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on May 14, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 14, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested because the amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 and allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3915.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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